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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR ENTRY INTO THE IVORY COAST

1. DURING THE DAP AND AT-RISK TEAM VISITS TO ABIDJAN
LAST WEEK, THE EMBASSY ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS
SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING AIRPORT VISAS FOR TRAVELERS
ARRIVING IN ABIDJAN WITHOUT VALID IVORY COAST VISAS.
WE ARE NOW IN RECEIPT OF A FORMAL NOTE FROM THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORMING US ONCE AGAIN THAT AIRPORT
VISAS WILL NO REPEAT NO LONGER BE GRANTED TO ANY
PERSON COMING TO ABIDJAN FROM A COUNTRY WHERE IVORY
COAST VISAS ARE OBTAINABLE. THIS INCLUDES ANY COUNTRY
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WITH AN IVORIAN OR FRENCH EMBASSY.

2. WE MUST ONCE AGAIN WARN ALL ADDRESSEES THAT TRAVELERS
MUST NOT PROCEED TO ABIDJAN WITHOUT A VALID
VISA. WE SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT THE NEXT TRAVELER
WHO ARRIVES WITHOUT A VALID VISA, COMING FROM A COUNTRY
WHERE A VISA WAS OBTAINABLE, WILL BE INCARCERATED TO
DEMONSTRATE TO THE EMBASSY AND TO THE TRAVELER THAT THE
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